GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF AREAS RESERVED FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EXPLOITATION
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mineral Advisory Council (MAC) has directed the State Governments to review the areas reserved for public sector exploitation and de-notify the surplus areas for possible exploitation by the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the area in excess of 50 hectares under mining leases with the public sector undertakings of State Governments would be reviewed by the State Governments, on an urgent basis; and

(d) if so, the details of other decisions that have taken by the MAC?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Mineral Advisory Council recommended that in order to curb the tendency to hold on to large areas unproductively by keeping these areas idle for future use, or using areas held under mining lease for purpose other than mining, the Indian Bureau of Mines and the State Government would jointly review the status of such mining areas and if areas are found to be held idly/put to non-mining use, such excess mining lease areas should be got surrendered expeditiously.